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Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/62/102/Rev.1, the General Assembly at its current session will be required to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2008.

2. The following person has been nominated by his Government for appointment: Joseph Acakpo-Satchivi (Benin).

3. The candidate's curriculum vitae is set out in the annex to the present report.

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Annex

Curriculum vitae

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Joseph V. Acakpo-Satchivi (Benin)

Date of birth: 22 January 1943

Place of birth: Ouidah, Benin

Higher education

Faculty of Law and Political Science, Université d'Orléans, France: Bachelor's degree in law and political science (October 1969)

International Institute of Public Administration, Diplomacy Section, Paris: Diploma (December 1970)

Practical diplomatic training

Practical diplomatic training acquired at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris, the United Nations Office at Geneva and the French Embassy in Austria (1970)

United Nations People Management Training Programme, Glen Cove, New York and Nicosia, July 1996 and June 2005, respectively

United Nations experience

August 2004-September 2006: Chief of Staff of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire

In that capacity:

- I provided policy and strategic guidance to the Special Representative
- I served as the focal point for communication between the mission and United Nations Headquarters
- I was responsible for coordinating the budget performance framework for the mission and, in that connection, worked closely with the Chief Administrative Officer
- I also ensured that the various sections of the mission implemented policies in a coordinated manner

July 1992-February 2003: Secretary of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Economic and Social Council

In that capacity, I was responsible for planning, developing, managing, coordinating and providing a whole range of administrative and technical support services to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, which deals with administrative and budgetary matters, and the Committee for Programme and Coordination

I also managed all the activities of the secretariats of the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, studied and assessed all the activities

and practices of the Secretariat and ensured that administrative and technical services covering all areas of the mandates of those two subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly were provided in an efficient and effective manner

Within the framework of the current reform process, and wishing to contribute to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the two above-mentioned Committees, I have prepared a series of recommendations designed to streamline their respective programmes of work

October 1980-July 1992: Secretary of intergovernmental and expert bodies dealing with social and economic affairs and of various conferences and summits, for example the United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Milan, 1985, and Havana, 1990), the Ministerial Meeting on the creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (Versailles, 1991), the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992), the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

June 1987-July 1992: Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

November 1980: Member of the delegation responsible for mediation activities during the Iran-Iraq conflict

Diplomatic experience

March-September 2004: Special Adviser of the delegation of Benin to the Security Council

January-December 1976: Plenipotentiary representative of Benin to the Security Council

September 1973-December 1976: Participated in meetings of the United Nations General Assembly, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (December 1973)

February 1974-August 1976: Head of administrative and financial services, Permanent Mission of Benin to the United Nations, New York

February-August 1973: Deputy Director of the Department for International Organizations and Technical Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

June 1972-February 1973: Special Assistant to the Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

January 1971: Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

Other activities

Expert adviser to the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation and representative of the United Nations at the Foundation's various conferences in Tokyo (1992), Kuala Lumpur (1993), Manila (1994), Bangkok (1995), Seoul (1996), Tokyo (1997), New Delhi (1998), Beijing (2000) and Guangzhou (2001)